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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: